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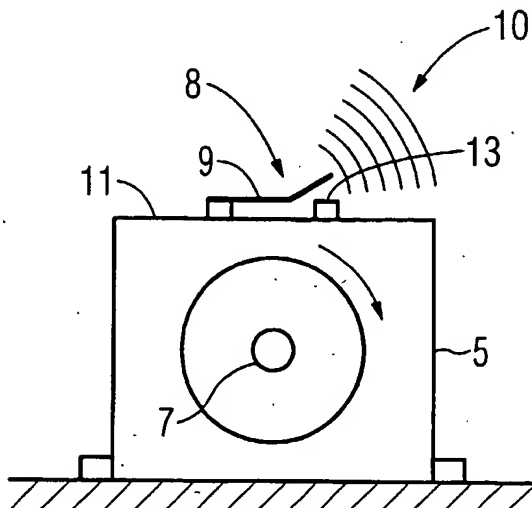
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(57) Abstract: A specific failure occurring during operation of a technical installation is detected by acquiring an acoustic and/or optical signal (10,14) emitted by a device (8,16) assigned to at least one component (5,19) of the technical installation whereby the device (8,16) is being activated mechanically. Examples are a plate attached to a casing, which vibrates audibly in case of a faulty bearing or a vessel containing liquid of noticeable color, which breaks when a component suffers excessive strain and thus produces an optical indication in the form of spilled liquid.

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